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Expenditure on Public Programmes
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

a) whether the Government proposes to spend US$ 7.5 billion extra/more on roads, railway and other public programmes over the next five months;
b) if so, the details thereof;
c) whether the Government also proposes to spur growth and create jobs; and
d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE
(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) to (d): Government of India has provided an amount of Rs. 9,45,078 crores as scheme expenditure in the Budget 2017-18 as compared to the RE 2016-17 figure of Rs. 8,69,847 crores. Amounts of Rs. 55,000 crores and Rs. 64,900 crores have been allocated for the Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Road Transport & Highways in BE 2017-18. If the internal and extra budgetary resources (IEBR) are added to it, a total of Rs.2,55,179 crores are available with these two sectors for infrastructure development. Besides, the allocation of Rs.19,000 crore in BE 2017-18 for Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) will also boost up rural infrastructure and growth. For transportation sector as a whole, including rail, roads, shipping, a provision of Rs. 2,41,387 crores has been made in BE 2017-18. Similarly, the allocation of Rs. 48,000 crores to Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (MGNREGA) will further enhance the rural growth in terms of employment and income generation. The emphasis in the Budget 2017-18 on public spending in rural areas, infrastructure and poverty alleviation is geared towards overall growth and job creation.
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